



Naval Station Ingleside

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Naval Station Ingleside welcomes new CO

Command of Naval Station Ingleside will change hands Friday, June 24, during a traditional change of command ceremony on the Naval Station waterfront. Capt. Patricia A. Jackson will turn over command to Capt. Timothy L. Watkins. Rear Adm. George E. Mayer, Commander, Navy Region South, and Chief of Naval Air Training will be the keynote speaker.

Capt. Watkins reports to Naval Station Ingleside from U.S. Joint Forces Command, Joint Warfighting Center, in Norfolk, Va., where he served as Deputy Chief, Deployable Training Division.

Capt. Watkins entered the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport R. I., and was appointed to the Naval Academy in July 1978, graduating in May 1982. He underwent flight training in Pensacola, Fla., and was designated a Naval Aviator in January 1984.

Following initial Fleet Replacement Pilot training in the CH-46 "Sea Knight" helicopter, Capt. Watkins reported to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Eleven (HC 11), San Diego, Calif., in May 1984. During this tour he made deployments aboard USS Mars (AFS 1) and USS Kiska (AE 35).

In April 1987, Capt. Watkins was assigned to HC 3, the Navy's CH-46 Fleet Replacement Squadron, serving as an instructor pilot until February 1990. During this tour, he earned a Master of Science degree in systems management at the University of Southern California.



After qualifying in the UH-1N "Huey," Capt. Watkins reported to USS Okinawa (LPH 3) in May 1990, and served as assistant air officer and search and rescue pilot, completing two Amphibious Readiness Group deployments to the Arabian Gulf and participating in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

From November 1992 to December 1993, Capt. Watkins attended the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, completing a Master of Arts degree in national security affairs and strategic studies. He returned to the Gunbearers of HC 11 in April 1994, and served as squadron operations officer and as detachment officer-in-charge aboard USS Kiska (AE-35), deployed in support of U.N. peacekeeping missions in Somalia.

Capt. Watkins then reported to Headquarters, United States Central Command in Tampa, Fla., where he was assigned to the Operations Directorate (J-3), Exercise Division. During this tour, Capt. Watkins planned and coordinated joint and combined exercises on the Arabian Peninsula.

Capt. Watkins reported to Norfolk, Va., in February 2000, as executive officer of the HC 2 "Fleet Angels" and subsequently commanded the squadron from May 2001 until June 2002. He reported aboard USS Nassau (LHA 4) in July 2002, serving as air boss until July 2004, and deploying in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Capt. Watkins' decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and various campaign and unit awards.

Capt. Jackson will move to Washington, D.C., where she will be Director of Personal Development on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Since Capt. Jackson assumed command of Naval Station Ingleside in June 2003, there has been tremendous growth and prestigious awards.

Under her leadership, the Station has gone through a period of unparalleled change as it transitioned to a new organizational structure under Commander, Naval Installations. Captain Jackson rapidly transformed the command team into a lean and efficient organization in tune with the Chief of Naval Operations' vision of capitalizing on business efficiencies. Her visionary strategy, genuine innovation, and superb professionalism created a responsive management team capable of using the latest fleet business models and fiscal practices to ensure the Naval Station provides top quality support to Fleet operating forces, despite severe budget reductions.

Captain Jackson spearheaded efforts to streamline the way her staff does business, turning Naval Station Ingleside into the model of how to run a cost-effective shore station.

Under her guidance, the Naval Station's Combined Bachelor Quarters was awarded the Admiral Zumwalt Award for excellence in bachelor housing; the station was ranked in the top 10 percent of all naval installations during the Chief of Naval Operations Integrated Vulnerability Assessment; met the Secretary of Defense's goal to reduce mishaps by 50 percent in 2004; received "Honorable Mention" in two categories for the 2004 Community Service Health, Safety and Fitness, and Environmental Stewardship Flagship Awards; was awarded the 2004 Retention Honor Roll Pennant for achieving 100 percent retention; and beautified the Station with such projects as adding a brick courtyard and landscaping to the Headquarters Building, expansion of the Mine Warfare Training Center, and opened the new Mine Warfare Operations Support facility and Navy College building. Self-help programs employed aboard the Naval Station during her tenure resulted in \$185,422 in cost savings to the government.

Captain Jackson's strong sense of community has influenced countless Sailors to volunteer their services. This past year alone, more than 515 volunteers spent about 5,400 hours supporting more than 145,000 community members in a variety of community service projects on their own time in such projects as refurbishing a building donated to the local Girl Scouts, cleaning the adopted two-mile stretch of public highway in front of the base, and restoring the neighboring wildlife refuge. These types of projects demonstrate the Station's commitment to local communities and the State of Texas to preserve, protect and enhance the environment, as

well as make our community a better place to live by being good neighbors and working with the youth to help them lead healthy, drug-free, active lives.

Additionally this past year, Naval Station Sailors provided nine color guards for local community parades, as well as supported 10 funerals with burial details. The Station also coordinated and gave more than 40 tours to more than 1,500 students, NJROTC and WWII veterans and retirees, showing them what we do in support of our nation's defense.

Captain Jackson's outstanding service as commanding officer of Naval Station Ingleside will be remembered long after she bids farewell to South Texas, which she has been proud to call home during the past two years.

Naval Station Ingleside's mission is to provide logistics and base support services to 43 tenant commands, including 21 ships of the mine warfare fleet, and to the 3,200 personnel that make up the mine warfare force.